



Biosecurity checklist for vehicles and plant

Thoroughly check and clean **everything** before you reach your departure point.

Trucks, cars, trailers		ATV		<p>CHECK. CLEAN CLOSE.</p> <p>Hose mud, dirt & seeds off boots, tools, machinery and vehicles.</p> <p>Vacuum or sweep inside your vehicle.</p> <p>Treat (e.g. spray) for insects.</p> <p>Check for any sign of pests (i.e. droppings, small white eggs, cobwebs, ant trails, seeds, soil).</p>
9	Bumper	9	Wheels / hubs	
	Front wheel hubs and mud guards		Mudguards	
	Engine compartment		Suspension	
	Cabin floor & under floor mats		Engine	
	Seats and behind seats		Under the seat	
	Food storage places		Storage compartment	
	Tool boxes			
	Chassis, cross members and deck			
	Rear wheel hubs and mud guards			
	Trailer Coupling			
	Hose and reel attachments			
	Water tanks and mixers			
	Bumper			
Bulldozers/Diggers		Small machinery		<p>Make sure all your food and gear is packed in sealed containers (e.g. chilly bags, packs, suitcases etc and closed).</p> <p>For more Information:</p> <p>Rangitoto, Motutapu, Browns/Motukorea, Motuihe Islands 027 7772 443</p> <p>Tiritiri Matangi, Motuora, Little Barrier/Hauturu 09 425 7812</p> <p>Rakino, Kawau, Great Barrier/Aotea and other Hauraki Gulf islands</p>
	Bucket, blade and blade frame		Engine	
	Between hydraulic hoses and frame		Compactor plate's upper surface	
	Digger tracks / rollers / suspension		Scrub bar shaft	
	Frame (especially where boom enters the body on a digger)		Scrub bar safety guard area	
	Cabin floor		Compactor plate's upper surface	
	Seats and behind seats		Fuel Containers	
	Engine bay		Toolkits	
	Fuel tank compartment		Engine	
			Digger bucket and attachments e.g. auger bit, rock breaker etc	



Priority pests to check for:

Ants

If any ant activity is seen, a sharp tap or two with a metal tool near the ants will determine if there is a nest there. Most ants, and **Argentine ants** in particular, are very active and do not like being disturbed. If there is a nest near where you are tapping then they will come out immediately and aggressively run around in all directions to attack the threat. It is the noise/vibrations from the tapping that they pick up on (especially when they are on a metal substrate like machinery).

If lots of ants do boil out, the vehicle should NOT TRAVEL until it has been thoroughly treated with insecticide. If only a few ants are seen then fly spray can be applied as a precaution. They are found throughout Auckland.

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http://www.treasureislands.co.nz/media/57357/bc4332argentine%20ants%20factsheet_a4_printfinal.pdf

Plague (rainbow) skinks and their eggs

The plague skink is a small Australian lizard. Common throughout Auckland, they reproduce rapidly and dominate native skinks.

Plague skinks are active during the day and are generally found under vegetation, in stacked wood, garden supplies and potted plants etc. They thrive in garden centres, commercial areas, industrial sites and urban areas. They can climb into clothing etc that has been resting on the ground.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/conservation/threats-and-impacts/animal-pests/rainbow-skinks-factsheet.pdf>

Rodents

Rats and mice prey on our native species and compete for food. Once on a pest-free island they are extremely difficult to track and eradicate... Keep a look out for droppings and chewed wiring and other material. Mice can get through a 5-7 mm gap.

Soil, seeds and plant material

Cleaning soil off your gear helps stop the spread of any weed seeds and soil borne disease. For example kauri dieback; a pathogen specific to kauri, kills trees of all ages and sizes. It is spread mainly through soil and water movement on footwear, machinery, vehicles etc.